

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

TO USUN NEW YORK NIACT IMMEDIATE 1352

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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 2626

FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM BILL HARROP

DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH AARON AND ME, ETHIOPIAN FONMIN  
FELEKE SHOWED GREAT CONCERN ABOUT A STATEMENT HE UNDER-  
STOOD YOU HAD MADE AROUND FEBRUARY 10 THAT QUOTE THE US  
GOVERNMENT IS NOT IN A POSITION TO CONTROL THE TRANSFER  
OF AMERICAN SOURCE ARMS TO THIRD PARTIES UNQUOTE.

2. FELEKE AND HIS SECGEN MAJOR DAWAT READ OUT YOUR SUPPOSED  
STATEMENT FROM AN AMHARIC DOCUMENT, APPARENTLY A CABLE REPORT  
FROM NEW YORK. THEY SAID IT CONTRADICTED OUR ASSURANCES THAT  
US HAD AUTHORIZED NO TRANSFERS TO SOMALIA AND THAT WE WOULD  
ACT FORCEFULLY AGAINST ANY COUNTRY WHICH VIOLATED ITS AGREE-  
MENTS WITH US. ETHIOPIANS WERE VERY SUSPICIOUS THAT US WAS  
SECRETLY PERMITTING THESE TRANSFERS.

3. ASSUMING YOU WERE MISQUOTED OR TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT, I  
WOULD SUGGEST YOU SEND A PERSONAL MESSAGE OF CLARIFICATION  
TO FELEKE OR DAWAT THROUGH EMBASSY ADDIS. WE TOLD THEM THAT  
IF THE SERVICE NUMBERS ON US WEAPONS THEY CAPTURED SHOULD  
PROVE ARMS HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED WE WOULD TAKE CORRECTIVE  
ACTION. WE TOLD ETHIOPIANS THIS WOULD BE COUNTER TO US LAW  
AS WELL AS POLICY AND WOULD HAVE IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS FOR  
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CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES AND FOR FUTURE ARMS RELATIONSHIP  
BETWEEN US AND OFFENDING GOVERNMENT. FYI AS YOU KNOW WE ARE  
IN FACT PURSUING THIS MATTER WITH SAUDIS. END FYI.  
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